

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9757

INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : PFOR GV LT

SUBJECT : LESOTHO WOULD-BE ASSASSINS

REF: A. CONAKRY 661

B. MASERU 510

1. CHARGE TOLD BAIDI KEITA OF FORNOFF (CHIEF OF PRESS AND EUROPEAN DIVISIONS) ON MAY 8 THAT EMBASSY MASERU HAD INFORMED US THAT NO U.S. OFFICIAL HAD GIVEN ANY INFORMATION REGARDING WOULD-BE ASSASSINS OF PRIMEMIN JONATHAN TO LESOTHO GOVT. ADDED USG HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING MEN HAD FLED TO GUINEA.

2. KEITA SAID NOTE CONCERNING THIS MATTER HAD BEEN PREPARED AND WOULD REACH EMBASSY SOON. KEITA GENERALLY GAVE IMPRESSION GOG NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER INCIDENT, AND HE REITERATED GOG POLICY OF INFORMING EMBASSY OF EVEN SUCH APPARENTLY FALSE REPORTS. HE THANKED US FOR QUICK RESPONSE TO HIS INFORMAL DEMARCHE.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT GOG HANDLED THIS INCIDENT VERY WELL. KEITA MADE POINT OF INFORMING US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION, ESPECIALLY AT "THIS IMPORTANT

STAGE IN US-GUINEAN RELATIONS", AS HE PUT IT, TO KEEP US  
FULLY INFORMED ABOUT SUCH MATTERS IN ORDER AVOID UNNECESSARY  
PROBLEMS.  
MACDONALD

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